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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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1. claims: 1-7,14,15,19

A medicine pack comprising a plurality of blister units in an outer package each blister unit having a protective case, the outer package consisting of a plurality of parts, e.g. a box and a lid. The whole package may be wrapped in a transparent film and/or may comprise a leaflet.

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2. claims: 1,2,8-11,13,16,17,18

A medicine pack comprising a plurality of blister units in an outer package each blister unit having a protective case, wherein the outer package has, in the inside, means for retention of the pack content.

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3. claims: 1,2,12

A medicine pack comprising a plurality of blister units in an outer package each blister unit having a protective case wherein the blister units are foldably and detachably connected to each other.

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